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Microsoft is justified in bundling their own software with Windows. It is not justifiable however to include these pieces of software and then not allow the consumer the option to uninstall it. I myself would not use Windows XP's firewall utility ,windows media player, or internet explorer, so I should have the ability to choose all of these applications and uninstall them. Microsoft has built windows with these applications in mind so if i even could uninstall them i would be breaking half of the functionality that windows xp now provides. Also, many of microsofts new .net initiatives will further fatten their monopoly since many companies are going to jump on to support this new architecture and then we the consumers are going to be forced to use microsf't's os to benefit from them. I use linux because of its stability and because it is open sourced. I feel that many of microsofts own networking protocols and file type information should be accessible to the public, so that various applications can benefit from using their technology. Then we can work on creating better applications that take advantage of a singular protocol. The american people should have the right to decide which software packages they want installed on their system and applications should not have to define their own file types just because 99% of the office community must use Microsoft Office to remain compatible.